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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD
DRAW ON Q AND A ON THIS SUBJECT DURING SECRETARY'S
PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 26, 1974:

"Q MR. SECRETARY, THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE
MADE PRIVATE CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN ARMS MANU-
FACTURERS. WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED
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STATES GOVERNMENT TOWARDS CASH SALES BY AMERICAN

MANUFACTURERS TO EGYPT?

A I HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT AMERICAN ARMS MANUFACTURERS HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES, RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

ON THE ISSUE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, WHETHER SALE OR CREDIT, THIS HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY RAISED BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T EXPECT IT TO BE RAISED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT

WOULDHAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT EXIST WHEN IT IS RAISED. BUT IT IS NOT NOW BEFORE US."

2. IN RESPONSE TO ANY INQUIRIES ON U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO

EGYPT, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON ITEM NO. EUR 34 IN EUROPEAN WIRELESS FILE DATED APRIL 24, WHICH CARRIED TEXT PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN AID PROPOSALS FOR FY 1975.
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